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The Honorable John D. Porcari Office of the Secretary Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Post Office Box 598 Hanover, Maryland 21076

Re: Harford County Road Network Priorities

Dear Secretary Porcari:

We would like to thank the Maryland Department of Transportation for its continued cooperation with our County employees and for the support it has supplied while meeting the transportation needs of the area. In particular, we appreciate the funding for the Edgewood train station facility improvements, MD 24/I-95 interchange improvements and the continued project planning and accelerated construction funding for the I-95 Section 200 improvements.

In an effort to focus our efforts, Harford County has established a number of immediate priorities for transportation. These priorities are consistent with previous requests and identify necessary improvements to meet the needs of not only BRAC related challenges but also of existing transportation requirements.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground and Perryman Peninsula communities have been on going efforts to improve the existing as well future roadway conditions in this area. There are several identified projects that are required to improve the transportation network in this region immediately. Many of these projects have been listed in a previous letter to you which include the intersections of: MD 715/US 40/Old Philadelphia Road, US 40/MD159/MD7, MD 22/MD 132, US 40/MD22, MD 22/Beards Hill Road, US 40/ MD 543, US 40/ MD 155.

Increased traffic volumes continue to stress the roadway network in and around the Town of Bel Air. The dualization of the Bel Air bypass has been an anticipated highway project for a number of years. The construction funding for the Bel Air bypass dualization, including an intersection improvement study at MD 24 and US 1 and the interchange improvements at MD 24, MD 924 and Rockspring Road continue to be a priority for Harford County.

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The State and County has worked diligently on a number of issues that initiated a lot of public participation and staff hours. In establishing our priorities, concerns continue to be raised regarding an improvement to the east-west movement from the Aberdeen Proving Ground to points west/north and south. Several long term priorities have been established including capacity enhancements to MD 22 from APG to MD 543, MD 715 extended and a multi-modal facility near Aberdeen Proving Ground.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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